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SLIER DEMOCRATS WANTED HERE?

Only the Gilt-Edged Democracy Will Be Welcomed at the Jeffersonian Banquet.

Crocker and Belmont Say There Is No Room for Members of the Party Outside of New York.

So Bryan, Nor Altgeld, Nor Bland Can Be Asked, Nor Any of the Leaders of the Western Silverites.

The Thomas Jefferson banquet to be given by the Democratic Club at the Metropolitan Opera House is to be a State and not National affair. [This was the decision reached last night after nearly a three hours' session of the Board of Governors. Richard Crocker and President Belmont then authorized the statement that no invitations would be extended to persons outside of the State of New York.]

When asked for an explanation, President Belmont regretfully said: "The demand for tickets has been so overwhelming that it has been found impossible to satisfy the wishes of the 2,000 members of the club even. We are given to understand that the Metropolitan Opera House will seat comfortably about 1,400 at table and certainly not more than 1,500. We are compelled to draw the line somewhere, and it has been concluded to confine invitations to New York State alone."

"Does not the club want Silver Democrats represented at the banquet?"

Richard Crocker would add nothing to what President Belmont said, except to express his regret that more room was put to be had to accommodate hundreds of Democrats throughout the country who are more than anxious to participate in the dinner.

Big Democrats Left Out.

The decree of the Board of Governors causes a complete abandonment of President Belmont's cherished plan for issuing special invitations to representatives of States admitted to the Union under the Jefferson Administration as a result of the Louisiana purchase act. Such leaders as William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska; Chairman Jones, of the Democratic National Committee of Arkansas; Senator Gorman, of Maryland; Democratic leader of the last Senate and a man who has been quietly growing by some famous names as a Presidential possibility; Senator Morgan, of Alabama; Congressman Richardson, of Tennessee; and De Armond, of Missouri, either of whom may be Democratic leader of the club, and possibly former President Grover Cleveland, who although originally a New Yorker, has since his retirement been a resident of New Jersey.

It is because they don't want William Jennings Bryan to talk Silver at the banquet, said the club, that all Democrats of national reputation would be heartily welcomed to the dinner, and that no factions would be recognized in the distribution of invitations. The change of front was, therefore, a complete surprise to members of the club who waited days for an advance notice of the change of front.

The barring out of Democrats from other States than New York has made it necessary to entirely drop the proposed list of craters and special guests, and it will be the duty of Chairman Crocker and his associates on the Committee on Speakers and Invitations to draw up a number from the tentative programme.

Is it because they don't want to honor Senator Morgan's views on expansion?

The committee will probably extend special invitations to former Senator Morgan, former Secretary of the Interior, and Governor Cleveland, and all the members of the Democratic State Committee who are not already members of the club, and all the Democratic members of the Legislature. This had not been positively decided upon last night, but club gossip had it as the present plan.

The various committees on arrangements are meeting daily and getting things into shape as they can to make the dinner an event. The auction sale of boxes will be postponed very soon. They will provide places for more than a hundred who cannot be seated at the tables.

Is it because Grover Cleveland is no longer welcome at a New York Democratic meeting?

The Board of Governors elected 103 new members of the club last night. Among them were the Hon. John J. Morphy and Louis Mann.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL INSANE FROM EXPOSURE.

Barren Island Has No Safe Building, and the Children Are Without Schooling Now.

Spencer A. Wallace, principal of Public School No. 119, on Barren Island, Jamaica Bay, in the County Hospital at Flatbush, awaiting an examination as to his sanity. Because of his queer actions he was arrested two weeks ago.

At the meeting of the Borough Board of Education yesterday it was officially reported that the mental and physical breakdown of Mr. Wallace is due to the terrible condition of the schoolhouse. The building has been twice condemned, has fallen in two places, and it has not been opened since the blizzard.

DEWEY'S COMMISSION AS ADMIRAL SIGNED.

President McKinley and Secretary Long Affix Their Signatures and the Seal of the Navy Department.

Washington, March 7.—The commission of George Dewey as Admiral in the navy was signed to-day by the President. Secretary Long affixed his signature at the Navy Department, and the registration was attested by Edward W. Callahan.

The commission of Admiral Dewey was very beautifully engrossed. The President took a special interest in the preparation of the Admiral's commission. The regulations are that the commissions be printed on the best parchment. They are hand-some enough without any special embellishment, but the President desired that Admiral Dewey's commission have a special illumination. Dennis R. Walsh, the expert draughtsman of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, was suggested by Mr. Callahan as the man to do the work. Mr. Walsh filled in all the blank spaces in his best style, and wherever the name or rank of the Admiral appears it is ornamented with shadings in gold. The commission will be mailed to Admiral Dewey to-morrow afternoon.

The President signed the commission in the presence of all the Cabinet officers at 2:30 p. m. today. Secretary Long signed at 2:30 p. m. and the great seal of the Navy Department was affixed at 2:45 p. m.

QUEEN LAVINIA TO SHOW IN WASHINGTON.

Will Hold Her Holland Dames' Court There, Tiara, Nobles, Ladies and All.

Washington, March 7.—Lavinia H. Van Wetherill Dempsey, Queen of the Holland Dames, was here to-day in the interest of the Woman's National Industrial Exhibit, to be established here. Miss Dempsey is vice-president for the State of New York. She met in conference Mrs. William F. Aldrich, vice-president, Alabama; Mrs. Kate Beckwith Lee, vice-president, Michigan; Miss Anna E. Wheeler, National Board, Alabama; Miss Elizabeth Hill, National Board, District of Columbia; Mrs. Charlotte Smith, National Board, District of Columbia; Mrs. Alice Taylor, National Board, New York; and Mrs. W. A. Pratt, National Board.

It was decided to send a committee to Europe and extend an invitation to each government, asking them to participate with the handicraft and everything that is admitted to the industrial exhibit. Miss Dempsey to be chairman of this committee.

Queen Lavinia was invited to give a formal reception here and promised to do so. The entire court, including the diamond tiara, is to be brought to this city.

FAITHFUL SLAVE AT A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Bill App's Family Honor Old Uncle Tom, Who Protected His Mistress in War.

Chillicothe, Ga., March 7.—One of the honored guests at the celebration of the golden wedding of Bill App, the Southern humorist, here to-night is "Uncle Tom," a negro who was the faithful slave of the humorist's father. The old Southern humorist was for the father of a bridegroom to give the bride a man slave, who should thereafter be charged with her personal safety. "Uncle Tom" was the faithful slave of Mr. App's father, his father had been killed in the same manner to Mr. App's mother.

When the war broke out Mrs. Smith, Mrs. App's mother, and her two daughters were protected and provided for faithfully by "Uncle Tom." On one occasion he had to go into Rome, Ga., for his mistress, while the town was invested by Federal soldiers. The latter held him to work for the Federal army, and he sprang into the Elbow River, and amid a shower of bullets, swam three miles to the swamps and joined his mistress.

MCKINLEY WILL REST UNDER HANNA'S ROOF.

The President to Take Surcease of Care in the Senator's Georgia Winter Resort.

Washington, March 7.—The President to-day definitely decided to take a short trip South for rest, his destination being Thomasville, Ga., where he will be the guest of Senator Hanna. The President will be accompanied by Mrs. McKinley and some of their relatives, who are at present stopping at the White House.

It is possible that if the weather favors the Presidential party will go to Savannah and then to the coast, where they will take a Dolphin, make a short voyage in the warm waters of Florida and Georgia.

M. L. HAYWARD IS CHOSEN FOR SENATOR.

Nebraska Republicans Will Elect Him to Go to Washington in Allen's Place.

Lincoln, Neb., March 7.—M. L. Hayward, Republican, was nominated for United States Senator in the Republican caucus here to-night. He will be elected in the joint session to-morrow, to succeed W. V. Allen. Hayward was the Republican candidate for Governor last Fall, being defeated by W. A. Poyator, Fusionist.

Mr. Hayward was born in Silchester, Essex County, New York, December 22, 1840. On the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted in the Twenty-second New York Infantry and was afterward transferred to the Fifth Cavalry. He was discharged in December, 1862, for disability. The father removed to Wisconsin and young Hayward followed. He studied law at Whitewater and was admitted to the bar in 1867, where he has resided ever since.

FLED FROM RESCUER TO THE ICY RIVER.

Yonkers Lawyer's Young Son, Demented, Wades Into the Water and Drowns Himself.

John D. Essick, who resided with his father, Samuel V. Essick, a New York lawyer, at "The Maples," on Hawthorne avenue, Yonkers, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by drowning himself in the Hudson River there. He was in his thirty-first year and, according to a statement made by his father, had been mentally unbalanced for several years.

EXPERIENCED MRS. HS B B WAS AN PLACE'S SAULT, ELECTRICAL B.B.T.

The Condemned Woman Is Entire Power of Four Street Car Lines Struck Joseph L. Dana. Hempel.

DR. POLK NOT PRESENT. STOPPED ALL THE CARS.

One of Governor Roosevelt's Commissioners Fails to Appear at Sing Sing. His Body "Short-Circuited" the Switch Board and He Was Terribly Burned.

THE WOMAN TAKEN UNAWARES. THE CURRENT EXPLODED.

Dr. Dana at the End of the Interview Declines to Say What His Report to the Governor Will Be. Electricians Are Unable to Explain the Mystery, but Think Had the Force Been Less It Would Have Caused Instant Death.

"There was a great flash and then an awful shock, and I screamed and ran away. I don't know how it happened. That's all I can say to explain it."—Statement of Joseph Hempel at Bellevue Hospital last night.

The electricity that operates four street car lines was yesterday thrown into one man. Every car on the four lines stopped. The man whom the tremendous current struck is alive and will recover from his burns in a few days. The accident was one of the marvels in electrical history.

It was the awful strength of the current that saved the man's life. Had it been weaker he would have been killed. As it was, he was able to release his hold and to stagger away, conscious and screaming. A tremendous current sometimes passes swiftly over a man's body instead of through it, as would a lightning current.

It happened at the power house of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company, on West Twenty-third street, between Third and Lexington avenues, yesterday afternoon. Joseph Hempel, an experienced electrician, thirty-two years old, of No. 196 Warwick street, Brooklyn, was at the big switchboard with three others. The switchboard controls the currents that operate the cars of the Second, Sixth, Eighth and Madison avenue cars south of Fifty-ninth street. It is a double-decker affair, at the north side of the great room of the power house. There are seventy-five switches in all.

Hempel was standing in front of the lower tier. Under his feet was a long rubber mat and under the mat was a cement floor. The line of switchboards formed a half square and Hempel was near one end. In the great room were numerous immense electric motors, and a sudden gust of wind, rapidly revolving. But the obvious force of those wheels was not so dreadful as the force of the electricity.

Hempel was using a wrench in tightening a screw. It is a thing that is often done. Just what happened to make this time different, all others is not known. But he turned something wrongly, and at the same moment placed one hand in such a place as to complete a circuit.

In an infinitesimal fraction of a second came the result. There was a terrific, blinding flash, and the building shook with the force of an explosion. The enormous current leaped at the man like an explosion of dynamite.

The electricians say that there were 7,000 amperes and 570 volts in that awful bolt. The terms are correlative, volts and amperes being interchangeable. A larger number of volts and a smaller number of amperes would, equally represent the power. It is best explained by saying that it was the electrical force that runs all the cars, as described, and many of the electric lines, and the moment the tremendous electric current leaped, with an explosion, at every car stopped and every light went out.

The man dropped his wrench, let go of the screw, and was grasping, and tottered away, screaming with pain. Had it been an alternating instead of a direct current that struck him, even the rubber mat and the cement floor would have carried him behind the board, that a short circuit would have been made. The rubber mat, the cement floor, the electric lines, the main circuit breaker, are some of the terms used to describe what happened. But such accounts are of little use to the man who was the cause of the spectacular occurrence.

The man's clothing was almost torn from his body. His arms and legs were lying on the floor. Only a little of his clothing was left on him, and this was in a blaze when his companions, who quickly ran to his assistance, tore it off. The switchboard had been blackened and charred by the explosion. The rubber matting, which was under the man's feet, was melted. The very nails in the man's shoes were melted.

All these things Dr. Dana heard yesterday. Accompanied by Mrs. Sage, the warden's wife, he visited Mrs. Place and examined her minutely. Before he had finished she had become nervous, her hands like ice, her eyes big with wonder.

Were her suspicions aroused? No one could say. The matrons, the attendants, the keepers are all unanimous in asserting that their charge has wonderful self-control.

What Does the Doctor Believe? Had Dr. Dana come to the conclusion that she was insane? Every one hoped and tried to read in his face the answer. His expression was serious, but enigmatical. However, the warden smiled after he had spoken to him. In the kind eyes of Mrs. Sage there glinted a tear.

Questioned, the doctor said: "I have reached no conclusion, and I shall reach none until I have conferred with Dr. Polk. I will make my report to the Governor on Saturday next. I have not yet decided whether I shall make another examination of Mrs. Place meanwhile or not."

Police Captain Martin Is Dead. Police Captain Stephen Martin died in the station house of which he was in command, at the corner of Classon and De Kalb avenues, Brooklyn, at 8:34 p. m. yesterday. Early yesterday morning his physician said there was no hope, and at noon a clergyman connected with the Church of the Sacred Heart, administered the last rights of the Church.

Police Captain Martin was fifty-four years old. He was appointed a patrolman in 1868. He was made captain in 1888, when he was sent to command the Vernon avenue station.

CONNELLY VANDERBILT IS ILL.

Connelly Vanderbilt was reported yesterday as being ill at his home, corner of Fifth-seventh street and Fifth avenue, with muscular rheumatism. It has kept him confined to his house for three or four days. A Journal reporter who called at Mr. Vanderbilt's house yesterday was told that Mr. Vanderbilt probably would be out in a few days.

Issue of \$7,673,640 in Bonds for NEW SCHOOLS Provides for 36,494 More Children.

A GOOD DEED NOBLY DONE!



Who Would Complain of Taxes if All the Millions Were as Well Expended.

BLIZZARD PASSED "CURTAIN-FACED MAN" IS DEAD.

Five Inches of Snow Added to the Year's Record, Bringing It Up to 53.6. Bellevue Loses a Scientific Puzzle of Twenty-five Years' Standing. Three New Buildings in the Boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx Will Be Begun at Once.

Michael Kelly, "the man of the curtain face," the oldest patient in Bellevue, who, with one memorable exception, slept on the same bed every night for nearly twenty-five years, the fright of children, the puzzle of scientists, the strangest case Bellevue Hospital ever had, is dead.

Michael Kelly walked into Bellevue Hospital of his own accord on April 23, 1874. He was forty years of age then. He was buried yesterday.

The nature of Kelly's ailment may never be known. However much science may have liked it, never dared to try to find out the cause of his remarkable malady, for it would have required a scalpel.

The medical colleges, in fact the entire medical fraternity of New York had waited—reluctant science for the death of Michael Kelly. Surgeons and doctors wanted to see what went wrong with the bits of a flesh which strung themselves upon the countenance of the man, making a kind of living tissue.

And now that Kelly is dead they will be thwarted. Under a peculiar provision of the New York laws concerning autopsies Kelly's relatives, having claimed the body for burial, the doctors must keep hands off the corpse.

Kelly's personality was interesting, outside of his unusual affliction. On the date mentioned he appeared at the keeper's gate at Bellevue. Already upon his face one of the strange growths had appeared. When the keeper beheld Kelly he passed him quickly.

What the doctors gathered about the man and asked him from what he suffered, he answered:

"That's what I came here to find out." Bellevue has been trying to find out since. It does not know to-day. The protuberances have been called tumors, but the learned doctors have stopped at that point. Never has tumor been seen like Kelly's. The poor man sprouted them from his face as if some demon had planted malignant seeds in his face, upon his neck, upon his head. Nothing the physicians did checked them.

A soon became known that Kelly had rich relatives. He has a brother, a manufacturer, who is reputed to be worth a million dollars. This brother through years has done whatever he could for the afflicted man. He insisted that Kelly go away from Bellevue. Kelly steadily refused. He had become king of the afflicted man. He had some sort of affection or other. He was the personification of misery and he loved the company at Bellevue. He was king of the afflicted man.

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Last night Kelly lay in John Mulloney's undertaking establishment, No. 10 East Twenty-sixth street, from which place the funeral will take place to-day.

Mayor Van Wyck Promptly Puts His Signature to the Resolution That Provides for This Happy Result.

By affixing his signature yesterday to the resolution of the Municipal Assembly authorizing the issue of bonds in the sum of \$7,673,640 for the purchase of school sites and the erection of public school buildings in the boroughs of New York, Mayor Van Wyck gave official seal to a part of the Journal's public policy.

At 11 o'clock yesterday the resolution had been in the Mayor's office the necessary three days as required by law, and precisely at that hour the city executive signed the document. Immediately the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was convened and resolutions from the Board of Education for over \$800,000 were approved.

Out of the new issue of corporate stock of the city of New York the five boroughs will receive the following amounts:

Borough of Manhattan and the Bronx.....\$4,982,000
Borough of Brooklyn.....2,873,000
Borough of Queens.....507,000
Borough of Richmond.....120,000
Total.....\$8,482,000

Three of the New Schools.

Of this sum the Board of Estimate and Apportionment has provided for the following immediate distribution:

New building, Market and Monroe streets, \$257,328.
New building, One Hundred and Eleventh and One Hundred and Twelfth streets, between Fifth and Lexington avenues, \$294,700.

New building, One Hundred and Thirty-third and One Hundred and Thirty-fourth streets, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, \$280,300.

For the completion of three schools in the Borough of Queens, \$7,550 was authorized to be expended at once.

In the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx the sum to be expended will provide for new buildings and additions, equipment thereof and the improvement of sites and premises. None of it in these boroughs will go for the purchase of school sites. The new buildings will provide an added seating capacity of 36,494.

In the Borough of Queens \$572,000 of the \$2,873,000 will be expended in the acquisition of building sites. Thirty new buildings are to be erected in that borough. They will include a manual training school, and a teachers' training school.

In the Borough of Queens seven new buildings and additions will provide an added seating capacity of 7,239. These buildings will accommodate the school children at present in that borough, of whom 3,000 in Long Island City alone are now without school facilities. In the case of the Borough of Richmond